
ELECTRONIC FILING

current training opportunities

IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

Case Management/Electronic Case Files (**CM/ECF**) - the new automated case management and electronic docketing is being implemented in the Northern District of Alabama now. **CM/ECF** will provide a new, easy-to-use electronic case filing feature in January 2005 that will allow filing and viewing of court documents over the Internet.

EARLY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

You can begin now to train and practice use of the system by accessing the PACER web site at www.pacer.uscourts.gov/cmecf/dctrain.html . Other local training opportunities will be available soon.

OVERVIEW OF CM/ECF

CM/ECF will allow attorneys to file and view documents from their office, home or anywhere they have access to the Internet, 24 hours a day. Documents are automatically docketed as part of the filing process and are immediately available electronically. **CM/ECF** also provides the following benefits:

- 24-hour access to filed documents over the Internet
- Automatic email notice of case activity
- Capability to download and print documents directly from the court system
- Concurrent access to case files by multiple parties
- Secure storage of documents
- Potential reduction in courier fees

When is CM/ECF Coming to This Court?

CM/ECF is coming in November 2004. Implementation is in process. The court anticipates allowing attorneys to electronically file documents by January 2005.

Contact Information

You may obtain additional information on **CM/ECF**, request speakers for meetings or seminars, or arrange for demonstrations of **CM/ECF** by contacting Sharon Harris in the Clerk's Office at 205-278-1717.